

# Schools/Child Nutrition USDA Foods Programs

## 1. How does USDA support meal service in Schools/Child Nutrition Programs (CNP)?

The USDA's [Schools/Child Nutrition USDA Food Programs](#)

support domestic nutrition programs and American agricultural producers through purchases of domestic agricultural products for use in schools and institutions. Nutritious USDA- purchased food is provided to the following child nutrition programs:

National School Lunch Program;

Child and Adult Care Food Program;

- Summer Food Service Program; and the

- School Breakfast Program \*

## 2. What type of USDA Food support does USDA give the school lunch program?

In school year 2013, schools participating in the [National School Lunch Program](#)(NSLP) will receive USDA Foods, called "entitlement" foods, at a value of 22.75 cents for each lunch served. Schools can also get "bonus" USDA foods, as they are available through USDA's price support and surplus removal programs.

\*While there is no entitlement for USDA Foods in the School Breakfast Program, NSLP USDA Foods may be served in the School Breakfast Program.

The Food Distribution Division of USDA's Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) coordinates the distribution of USDA Foods to states in support of approximately 100,000 public and private nonprofit schools that provide meals to students.

The entitlement amount varies from year to year based on an annual adjustment which reflects changes in the Price Index of Foods used in Schools and Institutions. Benefits delivered in past years are listed below: NSLP

Entitlement&

USDA Food Benefits Delivered

<u>Year</u>	<u>Cents per meal</u>	<u>\$ Value (million s)</u>	<u>Pounds (million s)</u>
SY 12*	22.25	\$1,171	1,166
SY 11	20.25	\$1,065	1,290
SY 10	19.50	\$844	1,091
SY 09	20.75	\$972	980
SY 08	18.75	\$1,067	1,209
SY 07	17.00	\$919	1,183

\* Preliminary